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Thanks

.. To Gavin Donnelly who has kindly put his hand up to clear our blocked storm water drains at no cost to the school. This is very much appreciated Gavin.

.. To Jennie Clarke, Kerry-Sue Sullivan and Brenda Sinclair for the exceptional support you have provided for our senior debating teams this year. .. and to those parents and children who turned up to support our year 8 team last night.

.. To those parents helping out next week with our year 3 and 4 camps and to Mrs Scheibmair, Miss Williams, Mrs Abbott and Mr Schuster for their preparatory work.

.. To our headlice inspection team.

.. To those who generously donated to our Shoebox Christmas Programme for less fortunate children in developing countries.

Good Luck

.. To our year 3 and 4 campers and to their soon to be tired (but inspired) camp parents .. and teachers.

People of the week

.. Our year 8 debating team (Shannon, Emily, Liam) who won the year 8 debate competition against Pompallier College at Pompallier College last night. This is a phenomenal achievement considering the standard of the competition. Well done .. we are so proud of what you have achieved and commend you for your hard work over preceding months and for your focus and discipline on the night.

.. Liam who won the Waikato Junior Tennis Open in the holidays out of 45 and came runner up in doubles. He also represented Northland in the Hatch U13 Rep team tournament. Their team won the 2nd division 9th overall.

Coming up this term

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| 30 October | Year 4 Camp at Marsden Bay |
| 30 October | Meeting for those interested in hearing more about our year 7 and 8 programme - 7:00 PM - Room 12 |
| 1 November | Year 3 students join the year 4 camp at Marsden Bay |
| 6 November | Zone Athletics at Poroti School (pp 3.11) |
| 13 November | Whangarei Boys' High School testing (now at Matarau) |
| 13 November | BoT meeting |
| 21 November | Year 7 and 8 visit to Northland Polytechnic |
| 27 November | Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics (pp 29.11) |
| 28 November | Whangarei Girls' High School orientation |
| 29 November | Year 7 and 8 abseiling at Whangarei Falls |
| 1 December | Home Garden judging |
| 4 December | Year 5 and 6 Interschool Athletics |
| 10 December | School team athletics day |
| 11 December | BoT meeting |
| 12 December | Reports sent home |
| 13 December | School Prize Giving |
| 18 December | Final day of school |

Celebrating Parents

This week parents received a letter requesting photographs of them doing something special with their children that we can share as part of our forthcoming Celebrating Parents Day. If you have a suitable photograph (preferably electronic) please send to school or principal@matarau.school.nz.

Many thanks to those who have already sent photographs in ... we need lots more.

International Schools Maths and English Results

.. will be sent home to parents next Thursday .. by which point teachers will have studied these and started entering results into our system (Year 4 children will receive theirs after camp). Overall impressions are of results similar to earlier years. Thank you for your patience in waiting for these. Next year we are considering offering after school labs focussed on preparation for these exams and providing assistance with test technique, reading of questions etc and so we will keep you posted on this proposal.

Sunhats

Quite a number of children are coming to school without their school sunhats. These are compulsory in the summer terms and from next week children without sunhats will be required to remain under shade covers. Please help us to promote the sun-safe message. Northlands has one of the highest levels of UV exposure in the world and exposure in childhood is known to be a significant contributing factor to skin cancers later in life. Our school hat is a navy blue bucket hat which can be purchased from the school office for \$9.00.

Zone Athletics - Poroti School - (year 4 to 8)

Consent forms were sent out this week. Please return these early next week so that we can confirm the number of buses we need. Please note that regular classes are not held on this day for children in years 4 to 8. Please ensure children bring their lunch, sunhats, something warm, plenty to drink, their Matarau T-shirts and spending money and sunblock at your discretion. Parents are most welcome to accompany us on the day.

Maths Labs

These started this week and are held Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30 to 4:30 PM (Room 11). If you received a letter suggesting that your child might benefit from these labs, and you have not yet returned their consent, please return this to school on Monday. If you have decided against placement please advise us on Monday so we can make your child's place available to another student. Parents of children in labs are reminded to send afternoon tea with their child on the day of their lab and to pick them up please at 4:30. Any questions please to Mr Trehwella or Mrs Donaldson.

Science Labs

.. are held each Wednesday 3:30 to 4:30 in Room 11. A reminder that children need to bring covered shoes (for safety) and an old shirt (as a lab coat). Children are expected to attend each lab and so please advise the school office if your child is unable to attend any of these labs.

Mobile ear Clinic

.. will be stationed outside the Bush Road Medical Centre 8:30 to 3:30 on Wednesday 7 November. No appointment necessary. Pre-schoolers welcome.

Kamo Bus

A number of children are travelling the Kamo bus with a promise to "pay later". This is a nightmare for the driver and has resulted in some disagreements with children over whether or not fares have been paid. Please note that, if using this bus, payment is expected on the day .. weekly tickets can be purchased from the driver or from Caves Buses.

AFL KiwiKick - Friday afternoons - starts 26th October.

AFL KiwiKick is a national coaching program designed to teach children of primary and intermediate school age motor skills and ball skills. It's fun, it's safe, and it works. As well as having great fun with your mates while learning sport skills and playing games, registering for AFL KiwiKick also delivers great benefits. What are the benefits? **For Parents** - Every 'After School' centre will have AFLNZ qualified employees present for both coaching, co-ordination and to enlist the support of participation from parents.

For the Kids - AFL KiwiKick allows children to play sport in a relaxed environment where making friends, having fun with their parents, being part of a team, being physically active and improving their fundamental skills are given equal weight. It also provides excellent social value.
Each registered AFL KiwiKick participant will receive a football, bag and several other items.
Cost: \$50 for 8 supervised sessions and an AFL KiwiKick Kit (Please make cheques out to AFL New Zealand).
Registration forms at the office.

Go For Gold Reading Programme

We will have a Go For Gold award ceremony at our assembly on 29 October (starting AROUND 2:30).

Year 7 and 8 Pubertal Change Programme

.. gets under way in Rooms 11 and 12 from Monday 29 October. Please show an interest in what your child is doing and ask to view their workbook periodically. Mr Delemare and Mrs Donaldson are more than happy to answer any questions you might have.

Headlice Inspection

This week's headlice inspection indicated some level of infestation. If you have received a letter advising of infestation please treat your child before their return to school on Monday. Children will be re-checked in a week or so.

Home Garden Programme

This week home gardeners met to discuss general gardening matters with a special focus on pest control. We have encouraged children to control pests the organic way and so ask them for their ideas .. dad's watch your beer cabinets! A reminder to get a little seedling growing in a pot for our seedling swap coming in a couple of weeks. Don't hesitate to give Kevin a call next week with any questions.



Operation Christmas Child

If you haven't managed to donate, but would like to help, you might like to send a gold coin or two to school to help cover the cost of postage of these boxes (each box costs \$9 to post).

Calendars 2013 - All orders and payments due at the office for 2013 Calendars by 9/11/12.

Scholastic Issue 7 - All orders and payments to Office by Friday 2nd November.

Enrolments 2013

We will shortly be considering class profiles and placements for 2013 .. if there are students who will not be with us next year it would be helpful if the parents of these children could let us know as soon as possible so that we can make these places available for other students.

At some point in the near future parents will be given the opportunity (no guarantees) to share any thoughts they have on class placement for their child in 2013 and so maybe give some thought to this. .. more to follow.

International Student Homestays

We have had a couple of people indicate that they would be interested in hosting short stay international students in their homes. We have had very successful home stays this last term and would like to grow our "bank" of available homes for next year. Each student pays around \$180 per week. If interested please contact Donna Cates in the school office next week.

Term Dates 2013

For your interest the Board of Trustees has set term dates for the 2013 school year as follows ..

Term 1	4 Feb to 19 April	Term 2	6 May to 12 July
Term 3	29 July to 27 Sept	Term 4	14 October to .. <i>(to be confirmed)</i>

Out of Zone Applications

Parents were this week advised of the outcome of the out of zone ballot. If you were successful in this ballot please advise acceptance (or decline) as soon as possible so that we can offer this place to another family should you decide to decline.

The school has continued to receive enrolment enquiries and so it would be helpful if you can spread the word that there are no further available places in years 1 to 6 .. a limited number of places are still available at years 7 and 8. Thank you.

Please understand that the rules we are applying are mandated by the Ministry of Education and we can make no exceptions to these rules and cannot demonstrate preference for one applicant over another.



Wild West Showdown

Aka the Matarau School Ball 2012

Meet the Sheriff at Sundown 10th Nov 2012



WANTED: Gunslingers & Saloon Girls
Reward on your head for Best Dressed

The Saloon opens 7.30pm Music: The Kiwi Rock Band
Tickets available from the School Office

Final word

From time to time something special happens which is worth sharing. Quite some years back we had a little guy attending our school who was a frequent visitor to my office. On arrival he would emphatically point out that school had no value to him and the sort of things we had to offer would not in any way help him in the career path he had chosen. Over the years his view did not change but our chats took us to new areas and we learnt to get on pretty well. This little guy told me that when he grew up he wanted to serve in the Israeli Armed Services. I said that when he did he was to send me a postcard.

Guess what .. received a postcard from Tel Aviv this week and this little guy (not so little now) is well on his way to becoming a fulltime soldier in the Israeli army. I know that whatever he does he will do well and that we, and his family, will feel very proud of him. This is a postcard I will keep.

Regards,
Kevin Trehwella
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Community Notices

Skate Night - Saturday November 3rd, 6.30 – 8.30pm; Portland Recreation Centre – McGill Road, Portland; Hire Skates Available, Bring your own socks, \$5 entry \$1 skate hire.

For Rent - Very tidy 2 bedroom house to rent. 18 Charles Street, Kamo. \$220pw; Call 435 3002 to view.

Maunu School Country Fair to be held on 3 November 2012 from 10am to 2pm, corner Austin Road and SH14. Lots of parking and eftpos available.

Ruatangata Playcentre Open Tuesdays 9.30-12.30 0-6 yrs New Members or Casual Visits welcome.

AGM Wednesday October 24th, 7.30pm (26 Matarau Road) All welcome.

Northern Rabbit and Cavy Club - Christmas show on the 17th November 2012. All children and adults are welcome to enter their pet rabbits, guinea pigs, rats and mice. Entries close on the October 29th. Contact the club on 022 6310647 for more info.

Toolbox parenting groups in Northland - With the right tools anyone can be a great parent. Join a Toolbox parenting group and learn how to build a great family team. Toolbox groups are free of charge thanks to government funding. There are three courses you can choose from: The Early Years (0-6 years); The Middle Years (6-12); Tweens and Teens (12-18); If you would like more information about Toolbox parenting groups in Northland contact Debbie on 09 433 5040

Babysitter available- in the Ruatangata/Matarau area, \$7 per hour, please phone Anna Miller 094356474 or text 0210524279. (Note from the school office... Anna would be an awesome babysitter, very responsible and great with little ones!!)

Learn to Ski/Open Day at Kai Iwi Lakes Water Ski Club on 10 November 10am to 3pm. Free skiing, bouncy castle, lolly scramble, sausage sizzle etc. Join the club on the day and save the joining fee. - come and see Max & Xanthe Adams and they can show you what to do.

TRAIL RIDE Sunday 11th November 2012 at Opuawhanga on Whananaki North Road, Registration from 8.30am onwards. First ride 10.00am Last ride 2.45pm. More info Hikurangi School 4338 545

Whakapara Country Garden Ramble – Sunday 18th November 8 gardens + art & crafts \$20. Contact Heather 4338987 or Anne 4339962. Tickets Palmers Gardenworld, Kamo Pet & Aquatic Shop, Whakapara BP 2Go, Sciadopitys Garden Centre. Proceeds to Project Promise.

For Sale: Lime, great for the garden, lawns and paddocks - \$5.00 for a 10kg bag. Phone Helen or William on 433 5512 to arrange delivery or pickup. This is a fundraising effort for William to go with the Boys & Girls High combined team to represent Northland at the Get2Go OPC final in December on Great Barrier Island.

KAMO AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Registration Day – Friday 2nd November 2011 4.30pm,

Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave, Kamo. *New members wanted.*

Stroke improvement classes - Monday & Friday afternoons from 4.30pm, start Monday 5th November. Thereafter each Monday & Friday afternoon until end of season (approx mid March).

Optional Club nights – Wednesdays, start 14th November 2012 at 5.30pm, 1st one at Maungatapere Pool - great atmosphere, timed races.

Swimmers must be reasonably confident in water and be able to swim 10m unaided.

For further enquiries contact Chris 433 5099 or Helen 433 5823 or Sharon 027 631 9361

KAMO TENNIS CLUB - Juniors Club Night – Thursdays - 3.30 to 5.30, Starting Thursday 1st November; Club Nights - Tuesdays starting at 5.30pm. All welcome- come along for some fun tennis. Ladies Mornings – Thursdays - 9am to 11.30. Bring a friend & enjoy the morning; Enquiries to Francie James on email at - snow.j@nettel.net.nz



Fundraising Reminders

Chocolates and or Chocolate money was due back at school this week. Please return any unsold chocolate and monies from sales on Tuesday next week. Thank you for your support.

Compost ...Last Chance! Saturday 27th October, 1.00pm-3.00-m, \$30 per trailer load from the Fonterra depot on Jordan Valley Road. Pay Sharon at the gate.

Wild West Showdown ... flyer attached. Great night out, music, food, entertainment. Tickets on sale at the office.

Horse Trek ... Saturday 17th November. 3 hour loop, easy terrain and great views. 3 mins from Matarau School. Registrations to school office by 14th November. More information from Alina 4338998.

Horse Trek... Wanted to Borrow

Gas ring or similar for Matarau School Pony Trek on November 17th. If you can help please phone Kym 433-5701.

School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage in a bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the class teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince or Mince 'n' Cheese Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), Butter Chicken or Mince n Cheese Wraps and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$4.50. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. Term orders available, see attached form.

FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCHES

HAVE A DAY OFF MAKING LUNCHES AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL!

- ☺ Below is an order form for **Friday** lunches.
- ☺ These can be ordered for the term in advance, or weekly if desired.
- ☺ Please have weekly orders placed at the school office by the Wednesday to receive an order the following Friday.
- ☺ Please make cheques payable to Matarau School.

Thanks for supporting our fundraiser.

WEEKLY ORDER FORM – Term 4 2012

Child _____

___ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00
___ Big Daddy Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00
___ Milk Drink - extra 50c

Room _____

___ Mince Pie or Mince N Cheese/Drink \$4.00
___ Mince N Cheese or Butter Chicken Wrap/Drink \$4.00

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TERM ORDER - Total Amount Owing For Term 4 - 7 Wks Maximum Available

Items @ \$4.00 x _____ weeks =

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In the case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.